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**ESCAPADE AT KEENELAND**

Today's GII Vinery Madison S. gets the ball rolling in what should be a stellar week of racing at Keeneland Race Course. Headlining the seven-furlong affair is Darley's **Dubai Escapade** (Awesome Again), a \$2-million



**Dubai Escapade** Equi-photo

Barretts March graduate. The filly, who started off her career in England before a brief stint in Dubai, sported a strong 104 Beyer in her U.S. debut, a Gulfstream allowance test Jan. 25, while galloping to an impressive 7 3/4-length victory. Back on the engine for a one-mile \$50,000 optional claimer over that track Mar. 3, she had

to work a little harder to post a 3/4-length win under John Velazquez. The half sister to last year's Madison heroine Madcap Escapade, who gets the services of Edgar Prado here, appears to have a strong chance of gaining her first stakes victory over this speed-loving oval. Also looking to graduate at stakes level is **Atlas Valley** (Capote) proved two-lengths best in her 2006 bow, going a furlong shorter at Gulfstream Jan. 26, before having to settle for second behind the talented Smokey Glacken in the GIII Hurricane Bertie H. Feb. 18. She will need to improve to win here, but if a speed duel up front, the four-year-old may get the job done.

**Wednesday, Keeneland, post time: 4:45 p.m. EDT**

**VINERY MADISON S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Givememore (Brz)	Special Nash (Ire)	Mogge	30-1
2	Island Escape	Petionville	Canani	12-1
3	Silver Crown	Distorted Humor	Springer	12-1
4	Josh's Madelyn	Quiet American	Jones	6-1
5	Bending Strings	American Chance	Dollase	5-1
6	Beautiful Bets	Alphabet Soup	Wismer	8-1
7	Atlas Valley	Capote	Wilkes	9-2
8	Ever Elusive	Forestry	Pletcher	6-1
9	Flying Glitter	Glitterman	Werner	8-1
10	Dubai Escapade	Awesome Again	Harty	7-2
11	Malibu Mint	Malibu Moon	Chapman	20-1

**BORREGO RETIRED TO WINTERGREEN**

**Borrego** (El Prado {Ire})--Sweet as Honey, by Strike the Gold), winner of last year's GI Pacific Classic and GI Jockey Club Gold Cup, has been retired from racing and



**Borrego** Horsephotos

will take up stud duty at Wintergreen Stallion Station in Midway, Kentucky. A stud fee will be announced at a later date. Owned in partnership by Ralls, Foster, Brad Scott and Beau Greely, the five-year-old underwent surgery earlier this month to remove a bone chip, but was scheduled to return to racing. "Preliminary reports said that Borrego would

be back in training 30 days post surgery, but we were told after the surgery that the recovery time would be lengthier than originally expected," said trainer Beau Greely. "Our goal was to start in the Pacific Classic [Aug. 20] and retire after the Breeders' Cup Classic [Nov. 4]," explained Greely. "But with the extended recovery period, we would miss several races leading up to the Breeders' Cup which would get us there less than 100-percent fit. In light of this and Borrego's value as a stallion, we have decided to retire him."

**HURRICANE COMING TO THE CURRAGH**

Trainer Andre Fabre has detailed the plan for last year's G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe hero **Hurricane Run** (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), with a trip to The Curragh in the offing for the May 28 G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup. Unraced since that emphatic success in the Longchamp feature, the Michael Tabor colorbearer will be asked to tackle the 1 5/16-mile contest before a tilt at Ascot's G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond S. July 29. "Hurricane Run will start in Ireland in the Tattersalls Gold Cup on Irish 1000 Guineas day," Fabre told *Racing Post*. "He will then probably go to England for the King George at Ascot in July." Fabre also revealed that Baron Georg von Ullmann's GI Breeders' Cup Turf winner **Shirocco** (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}) is being pointed at the May 7 G2 Jockey Club S. at Newmarket before taking in the G1 Coronation Cup at Epsom June 2.

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**Wild Fit Out of Oaks...**

A lung infection has forced GISW **Wild Fit** (Wild Wonder) out of consideration for the GI Kentucky Oaks at Churchill Downs May 5. The three-year-old, purchased by a partnership of Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith for \$3 million at last year's Fastig-Tipton November Sale, came out of an Apr. 5 work, a mile breeze in 1:42.8 at Turfway, with a high white blood cell count. Trainer Patrick Biancone told *Blood-Horse* Tuesday, "She'll get some time off and we will point to the summer races in new York. It's sad that she'll miss the spring races, but we will have her back." The grey, who won last season's GI Del Mar Debutante S. before finishing second in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, will spend four weeks at Coolmore's Ashford Stud near Versailles, Kentucky, before returning to training. Second to Balance in the GI Las Virgenes S. Feb. 11, the filly came back to finish third behind that foe in her latest start in the GI Santa Anita Oaks Mar. 12. Wild Fit was the 8-1 second choice at the end of the third round of the Kentucky Oaks Future Wager.



**Wild Fit** Benoit photo

**Last Romance Possible for Oaks...**

**Last Romance** (Wild Rush), winner of the Wayward Lass S. at Aqueduct Mar. 24, may make her next start in the Kentucky Oaks May 4, according to trainer Richard Dutrow Jr. The filly, who is not currently nominated to the race, would have to be supplemented with a payment of \$25,000. Also likely to be supplemented to the Oaks is **Top Notch Lady** (Sultry Song), winner of the GIII Bourbonette Breeders' Cup. She is currently training for Mark Casse at Churchill Downs.

**Steppenwolver Needs to Step Up...**

With just \$30,000 in graded earnings to his credit right now, Oaklawn-based **Steppenwolver** (Aptitude) needs a big effort in Saturday's GII Arkansas Derby to ensure a spot in the GI Kentucky Derby May 6, a fact trainer Danny Peitz is keenly aware of. "The way I've figure it, we're gonna have to be first or second to have enough earnings to get in," said Peitz about the \$1-million nine-furlong race. "Our fear is that a third-place finish would only give us \$130,000 in graded earnings, and that might put us on the outside looking in this year. There are quite a few people who think they have Derby horses right now. We're going to need a big effort." Steppenwolver, third to Lawyer Ron in his most recent in the GIII Rebel S. Mar. 18, is currently 28<sup>th</sup> on the list of graded earnings, well off a spot in the Run for the Roses even with several defections. The good thing, according to his connections, is that he's been revving up for a big effort in the Arkansas Derby all spring. "That's where our focus has been, and we've been trying not to look past it," said Peitz. "I've had the feeling all spring, because there's been questions about this, that the [graded earnings] would take care of itself. If I was good enough, I would make enough money in the Rebel and the Arkansas Derby to get me to Kentucky, and if I didn't, then we probably didn't belong."



**Steppenwolver**  
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**Brothers Returns to Blue Grass with 'Samurai'...**

Nine years ago, Frank Brothers came to the GI Blue Grass S. with a high-strung, handsome son of A.P. Indy who had a victory in the GII Fountain of Youth S. to his credit.



**First Samurai**  
Horsephotos

Pulpit went off the 4-5 favorite in the 1997 edition and came through for the public, winning by 3 1/2 lengths before suffering a career-ending injury when fourth in the GI Kentucky Derby. Brothers returns Saturday to the Blue Grass with another Fountain of Youth winner, but the similarities

between Pulpit and this year's likely favorite, **First Samurai** (Giant's Causeway), effectively end there. First of all, First Samurai won the Mar. 4 Fountain of Youth by DQ, running second to Corinthian--a son of Pulpit--before being promoted when the latter veered out badly in the stretch. Then there's the matter of temperament. While Brothers spent much of the time trying to soothe the nerves of the fractious Pulpit, First Samurai, according to his trainer, is a relaxed, easy-going fellow. "First Samurai is a lot easier horse to train," said Brothers. "He just takes everything in stride." Another difference between Pulpit and First Samurai is experience. Pulpit didn't debut until January of his three-year-old year, when he captured a Gulfstream maiden in spectacular fashion, winning a seven-furlong event in 1:21 4/5 on Jan. 11. First Samurai, meanwhile, was a Grade I winner by August of his juvenile year, having won the Hopeful S. over Henny Hughes. Pulpit had made four starts before the Blue Grass; First Samurai has seven on his resume. For his part, Brothers thinks that First Samurai has improved since his two-year-old season, which he concluded with a third in last October's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. "He was a brilliant two-year-old, in my opinion," said Brothers. "[But] he's done [even] better at three. He's a big, good-looking colt: he's filled out more, he's gotten taller."

**'Samurai' cont.**

One knock against First Samurai is that he's never finished first beyond a mile, and that win--in the GI Champagne S. last year--came around one turn. The Fountain of Youth was his first start at nine furlongs, and though that win came with an asterisk, he showed Brothers enough that the trainer remains cautiously optimistic. "I don't think you can knock that race in his first start at a mile and an eighth, by any means," he said. "And if he improves off that, which I think he has a chance to, then he probably buys his ticket to the Derby. But he's got to do it; the talking doesn't really cut it."

 **FOALING NEWS**

**SWEET CATOMINE**, 4, Storm Cat--Sweet Life, by Kris S. Foal born Mar. 28, a filly by A.P. Indy. Owned by Mr & Mrs Martin Wygod. Boarded at Mill Ridge, Ky. Accomplishments: Ch. 2yo Filly, MGISW, \$1,059,600.

**DONATION**, 11, Lord Avie--Reddy Change, by Mr. Redoy Foal born Apr. 9, a filly by Elhayq (Ire). Will be bred back to Smarty Jones. Owned by Reuel, Lavonne & Ron Huston & Melissa McLain. Boarded at Three Chimneys Farm, Ky. Accomplishments: Dam of Lawyer Ron (Langfuhr), MGSW, \$620,008.

**MAIL THE DESERT (IRE)**, 6, Desert Prince (Ire)--Mail Boat (GB), by Formidable Foal born Mar. 23, a colt by Dr Fong. Will be bred back to Pivotal (GB). Owned by and boarded at Newsells Park Stud, England. Accomplishments: G1SW-Ire, G1SP-Eng, GSP-Ger, \$263,097.

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**Wednesday, Oaklawn, post time: 5:11 p.m. CDT**  
**FIFTH SEASON S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Kid Grindstone	Grindstone	Campbell	10-1
2	Arch Hall	Archers Way	Reinstedler	5-2
3	Silver Axe	Silver Ghost	Amoss	5-1
4	Real Dandy	Yankee Victor	Asmussen	7-2
5	Prospective Kiss	Prospect Bay	Hobby	6-1
6	Stratostar	Pulpit	Lukas	8-1
7	Greater Good	Intidab	Holthus	7-2

**Thursday, Keeneland, post time: 4:45 p.m. EDT**  
**STONERSIDE BEAUMONT S.-GII, \$250,000, 3yo, a7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Terri's Charmer	Silver Charm	Bridgemohan	30-1
2	Fast Deal	Grand Slam	Prado	12-1
3	Joint Effort	Runaway Groom	Douglas	12-1
4	Diplomat Lady	Forestry	Velasquez	6-1
5	Yachats	Forest Camp	Bejarano	5-1
6	Lake Alice	Mt. Livermore	Chapman	8-1
7	Wildcat Bettie B	Meadowlake	Thompson	9-2
8	Motion	Albert the Great	Matinez	6-1
9	Dance Daily	Five Star Day	Albarado	8-1
10	India	Hennessy	Velazquez	7-2

**WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES**  
*by Alan Porter*

**Saturday, Hawthorne Race Course**  
**ILLINOIS DERBY-GII, \$500,000, HAW, 4-8, 3yo,**  
 1 1/8m, 1:49 4/5, ft.  
**1--@SWEETNORTHERNSAINT, 122, g, 3, by Sweetsouthern saint**  
**1st Dam: Ice Beauty, by Waquoit**  
**2nd Dam: Ice Fantasy, by It's Freezing**  
**3rd Dam: Donna's Answer, by Nasco**  
 O-Joseph J Balsamo & Ted Theos; B-Eduardo Azpurua (FL); T-M J Trombetta; J-K Desormeaux; \$300,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-1, \$377,000.  
 \*1/2 to Maria's Image (Master Bill), SW, \$158,605.

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At the start of 1997, future leading sire Saint Ballado was still generally regarded as Devil's Bag's younger brother, standing at a modest stud fee in Florida. He had made a useful start when his first crop of two-year-olds reached the racetrack the previous year, with the star being Captain Bodgit, winner of five of his six starts, including the GIII Laurel Futurity. It wasn't until the next year that things really serious, however, when Captain Bodgit took the GII Wood Memorial and GI Florida Derby and was beaten just a head by Silver Charm in the GI Kentucky Derby.

Saint Ballado's second crop would set the seal on his potential, eventually yielding 10 stakes winners, including the Grade I-winning Sister Act and Sweetsouthern saint, a horse, who for a short while looked as if he could potentially follow in the footsteps of Captain Bodgit. As a two-year-old, the chestnut went undefeated through three starts, taking a maiden at Calder by eight lengths, an allowance race at the same track by five and then annexing the GIII What a Pleasure S. by 4 1/2 lengths.

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**5 winners around the world in one day (8/1).**

Australia	3yo <b>LA MONTAGNA</b> won <b>Bright Shadow H.-Listed.</b> 2yo <b>ASCENDANT</b> won her second race from three starts. 2yo <b>SWEET JOSESHEE</b> won Maiden at Ipswich.
Hong Kong	4yo <b>MY LUCK</b> won HK\$570,000 H'Cap at Sha Tin.
France	4yo <b>TROPICAL DANDY</b> won Prix Augustin Gouttenoire.

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At three, Sweetsouthern saint returned in the Gill Holy Bull S., a race for which he started as an even-money favorite. Jostled at the start, Sweetsouthern saint split horses in the stretch and closed well to finish third, beaten a 1 1/2 length by Cape Town (winner of the GI Florida Derby next time out) and Comic Strip. Subsequently, Sweetsouthern saint suffered an injury which was to keep him out of action for nearly 20 months. He reappeared in the Spend a Buck H., but on a sloppy track could do no better than a distant eighth. Four weeks later, Sweetsouthern saint tried the turf for the first time, gamely prevailing in a one-mile allowance test at Belmont. He worked once after that effort, but reaggravated the injury which had stopped him after the Holy Bull.

Further efforts to get Sweetsouthern saint back to the track proved unsuccessful, but also had the consequence of delaying his entry to stud until 2001, when he was six. Like Saint Ballado, Sweetsouthern saint retired to commence his stud career at Ocala Stud Farm, and if he hasn't made quite as meteoric start as his sire, he's certainly off to a very bright beginning, especially if one takes into account that most of his offspring were conceived at an advertised fee of \$2,500. His first crop of 51 foals has so far produced four stakes winners, including General John B., winner of the Turf Paradise Derby and runner-up in the GI Santa Anita Derby; and Better Than Bonds, who emulated his sire by taking the What a Pleasure S., and also captured third in the GI King's Bishop S. His second crop of 39 foals are only three, and include Sweet Fourty, successful in this year's WinStar Sunland Park Oaks; and Sweetnorthern saint, who scored a devastating 9 1/4-length victory in this weekend's GI Illinois Derby. Sweetnorthern saint's official record reads three wins in six starts, but he's actually been first past the post on four occasions. He took a \$40,000 maiden claimer at Laurel by 14 lengths last December, but was disqualified and placed fourth. He then broke his maiden at Aqueduct by 7 3/4 lengths, and won Laurel's Miracle Wood S. by 10 lengths.

In between the Miracle Wood and the Illinois Derby, he was beaten 3/4 of a length when third in the Gill Gotham S. Sweetnorthern saint is out of Ice Beauty, a Waquoit daughter who is the dam of four winners from four runners. This quartet also includes the Florida stakes winner Maria's Image, a daughter of Master Bill (a brother to Banker's Gold). With regard to Sweetnorthern saint's prospects of staying the Kentucky Derby trip, we'd have to note that Ice Beauty scored all four of her wins over sprint trips, but Waquoit should provide plenty of stamina, as he won two renewals of the GI Brooklyn H. at 1 1/2 miles as well as taking the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup when it was run at that distance.

The distaff side of the pedigree has produced good runners with a range of aptitudes. Sweetnorthern saint's granddam, Ice Fantasy, won the Debutante S. at two. She was by It's Freezing, who did his best work as a sprinter/miler, but who also took the Gill Queen's County H. at 9 1/2 furlongs, and was third in the 10-furlong GI Woodward S. Ice Fantasy's best runner, Fighting Fantasy, was another versatile performer, taking the Gill Alysheba S. (at two), and the Gill Thomas Nash Memorial, both at 8 1/2 furlongs, but also showing good form in sprint stakes after finishing 15th in the Kentucky Derby. *cont. p6*

**SWEETNORTHERNSAINT, g, 2003**

Sweetsouthern saint	Saint Ballado	Halo	Hail to Reason Cosmah
		Ballade	*Herbager Miss Swapsco
	Sweetsouthercross	Tri Jet	Jester Haze
		Starsweet	Pia Star Solabar
Ice Beauty 20-4-3-0, \$58,020 7Fls, 1GSW, 1SW	Waquoit	Relaunch	In Reality Foggy Note
		Grey Parlo	*Grey Dawn II Parlomia
	Ice Fantasy SW, 17-4-1-4, \$72,805 9Fls, 1GSW	It's Freezing	TV Commerical Articana
		Donna's Answer 9Fls, 1SW	Nasco Regal Answer

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Ice Fantasy's Woodman daughter, Snow Forest, was group placed over seven furlong at two in England, and stakes placed over six furlongs at three in the U.S. and is the dam of the high-class sprinter, Snow Ridge (Tabasco Cat), winner of the GI San Carlos H., GI Palos Verdes H. and GI Kentucky Cup Sprint. Ice Fantasy's unraced daughter, Dial a Trick (by the sprinter Phone Trick), is dam of the smart American Chance colt, Eye of the Tiger. He finished fifth in the Kentucky Derby, and won the GIII Affirmed H. at 8½ furlongs at three. He flirted with sprints towards the end of his three-year-old career and early in his four-year-old career, with his best result being a third in the GI Carter H., but finally scored the most prestigious victory of his career in the 9½-furlong GI Washington Park H.

Overall, there is a good chance that there is enough stamina in the background for Sweetnorthernstaint to see out the Derby trip if he is good enough.

Sweetnorthernstaint is the second major winner by a Halo-line stallion out of a Waquoit mare, the first being the GI Apple Blossom H. heroine, Halo America. There is also a stakes winner by Sweetnorthernstaint's sire, Saint Ballado, out of a mare by Waquoit's sire, Relaunch. Halo and Relaunch, combined with other elements in this pedigree, bring together a quite remarkable assembly of genetic relatives. First, we have Halo's dam, Cosmah, who is by Cosmic Bomb (dam by Blue Larkspur) out of a mare by Mahmoud. Second comes Cohoes, the sire of the Saint Ballado's granddam, who is by Mahmoud out of a mare by Blue Larkspur. Third is Inquisitive (dam of Pia Star, the sire of the granddam of Sweetsouthernstaint). She is another Mahmoud, and has background similarities to both Almahmoud (granddam of Halo) and Cohoes.

So to recap, in Sweetsouthernstaint, there are three Mahmoud sources--Cosmah/Almahmoud; Cohoes and Inquisitive, all with some pedigree similarities. On top of that, Sweetsouthernstaint is out of a mare by Tri Jet, whose granddam is a three-parts relative to Mahmoud. This gives us three Mahmoud sources, along with another close relation.

Moving to Sweetnorthernstaint's dam, we have The Axe II, who is the broodmare sire of Relaunch. He is a son of Mahmoud, and a three-parts brother to Cohoes, as well as being very closely related to Inquisitive and having a similar background to Almahmoud. Waquoit is out of a mare by Grey Dawn II, and his dam, Polamia, is also by Mahmoud. Polamia is three-parts related to Inquisitive, and has some similarities to the rest of the Mahmoud offspring we have mentioned. At this point, we must beg our readers indulgence if we have caused some head-spinning (in fact our own brain is doing some 360's trying to keep it straight while we explain). However, the bottom line so far is that Sweetnorthernstaint has five Mahmoud sources (Cosmah/Almahmoud; Cohoes, Inquisitive, The Axe II and Polamia), who all have some additional degree of relationship to each other.

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This is of more than academic importance, as leaving aside the principals in this pedigree (Saint Ballado, Sweetsouthernstaint and Waquoit), and restricting Almahmoud sources only to Halo, some combination of these genetic relatives appears in Grade I winners Tiznow, Halo America, Lively One, Tranquility Lake, Hal's Hope, Balto Star, Zenno Rob Roy (Jpn), Papineu (GB), Royal Mountain Inn and Tilt My Halo.

Having got the first "Mahmoud series" straight, we have to reveal that this is not the end of the story! Sweetnorthernstaint also has the brother and sister Bar Le Duc and Your Hostess (both out of Mahmoud mares) 5 x 5, and also carries their 3/4-sister Flower Bowl. That means Sweetnorthernstaint has eight Mahmoud crosses through the two sets of relatives (there is another further back through an unrelated strain). He's also got some of these relationships thrown further forward in the pedigree through Saint Ballado's dam Ballade and Grey Dawn II (both by Herbager, combined with two of the Mahmoud relatives) and through Haze (dam of Tri Jet), Pia Star and Parlomia (granddam of Waquoit), who all combine Heliopolis with one of the Mahmoud crew.

Happily, for our sanity, and we suspect that of any readers still with us, pedigrees this complex are rare to the point of being almost unique, at least in our experience. Here it seems to have resulted in a horse whose ability, if not unique is also quite rare.



**FROM THE DESK OF...**  
**Bill Oppenheim**



**CONTENDERS**

There's a very useful feature, authored by Craig Thake, on big race days in Britain's *Racing Post*. It's called 'Big-Race Trends', in which he highlights factors in specific races which have thrown up the winners of those races, usually for the past 10 years. I was interested to see a similar table in last Saturday's *TDN*, showing the final prep race for recent Kentucky Derby winners, going back 19 years to 1987. I noticed right away that nine of the last 10 winners had finished first or second on their latest start--and more had finished second (five) than first (four). The other was Giacomo last year, who had finished fourth in the Santa Anita Derby in his final prep. Going back 19 years, 15 had finished first (eight) or second (seven); one had finished third in his final prep and, interestingly, three had finished fourth: Giacomo last year, and two--Thunder Gulch and Sea Hero--who had run fourth in the notoriously speed-favoring Blue Grass S. at Keeneland. NO, Zero, none--no Derby winner in the last 19 years has finished worse than fourth in his final prep, so if you like one who was out of the first four last time out, make sure you're getting at least 20-1.

Last weekend's first round of final Derby preps generated general agreement among commentators that a small group of colts are now sorting themselves out as the real contenders. Brother Derek (Benchmark) ran a Beyer 108 to run his 2006 record to three for three, and heads for the Derby a deserving, if lukewarm, favorite. I confess I'm still to be convinced; getting the 10 furlongs is something 10 of the last 10 and 19 of the last 19 Derby winners have had to do. Horses don't win this race by getting nine furlongs and coasting home; they really have to get the trip. Bro Derek might, but I would worry that he might just have the profile of one of those very good nine-furlong horses that might not.

Trainer Hendricks has a rock-solid reputation as a top horseman, though, and I read where he says he has no worries whatsoever on that score, so I'm not going to be in shock if he wins.

There's no doubt Bro Derek had it all his own way in last Saturday's five-horse Santa Anita Derby field, and the progressive one-two from last month's GII San Felipe, A.P. Warrior (third Saturday) and Point Determined (second) both punched their tickets to Louisville as well. Steve Haskin pointed out in yesterday's *bloodhorse.com* that A.P. Warrior (A.P. Indy) had possibly sacrificed second by taking up the chase behind Brother Derek, whereas Point Determined (from Point Given's first crop) hung back and had the right style--picking up the pieces--to outfinish him for second. The bigger field won't require either of them to chase so early in Louisville; that should help both of them. Both horses 'belong.'

The GI Wood Memorial was run on a sloppy track in a slow time, and the 1-2 finishers were both by Seeking the Gold out of Deputy Minister mares. Bob and John, the winner, had finished a lackluster third behind A.P. Warrior and Point Determined last time out in the GII San Felipe; Jazil swooped past GII Hutcheson winner (over First Samurai) and Gotham second Keyed Entry (by Honour and Glory) for second spot. Though the winner ran only a Beyer 93, the Wood first or second has won the Derby four times since 1994, so the first three there are certainly entitled to go.

Arguably the most impressive trial was Sweetnorthern's annihilation of the GII Illinois Derby field. He won by more than nine lengths and ran a Beyer 110, which looks fairly credible considering he had run 104, 104 and 102 in his previous three starts. Since they switched the race from the week between the Derby and Preakness to this date, three weeks before the Derby, the new-look Illinois Derby's winners have included War Emblem (in its last year at Sportsman's Park) and Ten Most Wanted.

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**Top 3YOs**  
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 finish one-two in the  
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As Haskin also noted, it was anything but a powderpuff field this year--besides dual California stakes winner and second favorite Cause to Believe (Maria's Mon), 6-5 favorite Sweetnorthern saint trounced the fourth-place finishers from the San Felipe, Santa Catalina, and Fountain of Youth, plus the third-place finisher from the Lane's End. That Beyer 110 makes his 10-1 odds in the final 'future book pool' look potentially quite generous; BRIS went even higher, giving him a 114 speed figure. The race produced the Derby winner off a similar 'monster' speed figure in War Emblem four years ago, and this fellow sure looked on the box like a horse going in exactly the right direction.

Already established as a major contender is Barbaro (Dynaformer), unbeaten in five races and winner of the GI Florida Derby (Beyer 103, BRIS 104) Apr. 1. That makes his last race five weeks out, a trend which has not produced the winner in the last 19 runnings. However, the Florida Derby itself had always been seven weeks out, so who knows what running it two weeks later will mean? One thing for sure: considering he's unbeaten in five starts, won one of the great Derby preps last time out and looks like he will relish the 10th furlong, so what is this horse doing at 9-1? He should be half that price, at most. Florida Derby second Sharp Humor (Distorted Humor) is by a sire whose previous Derby winner, Funny Cide, came into the race off a last-time-out second (to Empire Maker, in the Wood). So he belongs, too.

This weekend, Lawyer Ron (Langfuhr) attempts to enhance his credentials in the GI Arkansas Derby, which produced 2004 Derby winner Smarty Jones; and First Samurai, the lightly-raced Strong Contender, and others go in the GI Toyota Blue Grass S. Four times in the six years between 1990-1995, the Derby winner had finished in the first four in the Blue Grass (Strike the Gold won it in 1991, Unbridled third in 1990, Sea Hero and Thunder Gulch fourth in 1993 and 1995, respectively), but the Blue Grass has not produced the winner in the 10 years since.

**HOT CROSS:** Danzig over Nijinsky produced three new three-year-old stakes winners over the weekend, two in California and one in Ireland. On Saturday, the filly Foxysox, by the perennially underrated Foxhound out of a Royal Academy mare, won the GIII Providencia over one mile on the turf at Santa Anita. On Sunday, Decado, a colt by Danehill Dancer out of a mare by Green Dancer, scored easily in the seven-furlong Listed Loughbrown S. at Leopardstown. Later that day, back at Santa Anita, Arson Squad, by Brahms and also out of a Green Dancer mare, won the six-furlong San Pedro S. on the dirt. There were already 41 A Runners bred on this cross, which of course is classed as 'inbred to Northern Dancer, through Danzig on the top (sire) and Nijinsky on the bottom (damsire)' through the end of last year--35 of which are foals of 1996 or later. This is a seriously successful 'new' cross.

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CONTENDERS			
Horse	Sire	Last Start	Beyer Bris
Brother Derek	Benchmark	1st SA Derby	108 105
Barbaro	Dynaformer	1st Florida Derby	103 104
Sweetnorthern saint	Sweetsouthern saint	1st Illinois Derby	110 114
Bob and John	Seeking The Gold	1st Wood	93 103
Point Determined	Point Given*	2nd SA Derby	105 101
A.P. Warrior	A.P. Indy	3rd SA Derby	104 100
Sharp Humor	Distorted Humor	2nd Florida Derby	102 104
Jazil	Seeking The Gold	2nd Wood	92 102
Keyed Entry	Honour and Glory	3rd Wood	92 102
Lawyer Ron	Langfuhr	Arkansas Derby	94 98
First Samurai	Giant's Causeway	Blue Grass	94 101
Strong Contender	Maria's Mon	Blue Grass	94 108
Sunriver	Saint Ballado	Blue Grass	97 99

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**B. GILES BROPHY DIES** B. Giles Brophy, who raced the 1991 GI Kentucky Derby winner Strike the Gold in partnership with Bill Condren and Joe Cornacchia, died Sunday after a long battle with bone marrow cancer and leukemia, according to *The Blood-Horse*. He was 69. Brophy, who maintained homes in New York City, Palm Beach, Florida, and Westhampton, New York, was in South Carolina at the time of his death. Brophy, a successful bond dealer and president of Giles Securities, began owning racehorses in the 1980s. His first major runner was Thirty Six Red, winner of the 1990 GI Wood Memorial and later second in the GI Belmont S. and third in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic. That chestnut was one of the first big horses for trainer Nick Zito. "I always thanked Mr. Brophy for giving me a chance," Zito told *The Blood-Horse*. "I was fortunate he sent me some horses in the early '80s and we got to go to the sales. We picked out Thirty Six Red and that got us going. The next year, we had Strike the Gold with the partners. It was a good time, and I thank him for that." Brophy also raced stakes winners Sports View, Itaka and Yen for Gold. He is survived by sons Christopher, Bernard, Eric and Stephen; his daughter Moria; and two grandchildren. Plans for a memorial service in New York are pending.

**BEACON SHINE DIES** Kinsman Stable's **Beacon Shine** (Montbrook--Unlimited Pleasure, by Valid Appeal), winner of last June's GIII Flash S. at Belmont, died after suffering from a severe case of colic Apr. 8. The three-year-old, who was trained by Nick Zito, had been entered in last Sunday's Lafayette S. at Keeneland. "It's just one of those things that happens," Zito told *Blood-Horse* yesterday. "He colicked at about four o'clock in the morning. It looked like he was doing OK, but he then took a turn for the worse. It's a shame, but it's part of the business." A winner of two of five starts and \$106,530 in earnings, the colt finished fifth in his latest start in the GII Swale S. at Gulfstream Mar. 4.

**STAKES CLOSINGS**

**TODAY, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12:**

- 04-22 \$325,000 **Coolmore Lexington-II, Kee**, 3yo, 8.5f (250)
- 08-12 \$1,000,000 **Arlington Million-I, AP**, 3yo/up, 10fT (500 EB)
- 08-12 \$750,000 **Beverly D.-I, AP**, 3yo/up, f/m, 9.5fT (300 EB)

**TOMORROW, THURSDAY, APRIL 13:**

- 04-22 \$200,000 **Santa Barbara H.-II, SA**, 4yo/up, f/m, 10fT (200)
- 04-22 \$200,000 **Jim McKay Breeders' Cup H., Pim**, 3yo/up, 9f (100)
- 04-22 \$150,000 **Federico Tesio, Pim**, 3yo, 9f (0)

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**BRIS Speed Ratings**  
Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Race	BRIS Speed
Buzzards Bay	Oaklawn H.-G2	114
Spun Sugar	Apple Blossom H.-G1	114
Sweetnorthernst	Illinois Derby-G2	114
Likely	Lafayette S.	112
Too Much Bling	Bay Shore S.-G3	112
Flame of Love	Primonetta S.	108
Bishop Court Hill	Carter H.-G1	105
Brother Derek	Santa Anita Derby-G1	105
Gold and Roses	Smart Coupon S.	104
Bushfire	Ashland S.-G1	103
Bob and John	Wood Memorial S.-G1	103
Behaving Badly	Bug Brush S.	103
Silent Name (Jpn)	Arcadia H.-G2	103
Capeside Lady	Bayakoa S.	102
Silver Tree	Cherokee River Stables Turf Classic S.	102
Charming Socialite	Sam Houston Turf Sprint Cup S.	100
City Dweller	Lost Code Breeders' Cup S.	100
Hello Sara Lou	Hallowed Dreams S.	100
Victorina	Meafara S.	100
Nightmare Affair	Hilton Garden Inn Sprint S.	99
Arson Squad	San Pedro S.	98
Electrify	Ocala Breeders' Sales Sophomore S.	98

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**MARYLAND FACTIONS STRIKE MAJOR 15-YEAR AGREEMENT**

By Tom LaMarra, courtesy of *The Blood-Horse*

Principals in the Maryland horse racing and breeding industry have struck a major agreement on issues that have stymied progress in the state and led lawmakers and regulators to often claim the industry is in disarray. The plan was to be presented Apr. 11 to the Maryland Racing Commission. The parties that signed the document are the Maryland Jockey Club and the Laurel Racing Association Limited Partnership, the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, the Maryland Horse Breeders Association, Cloverleaf Enterprises Inc., the Cloverleaf Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association, and the Maryland Standardbred Breeders Association.

"It's a major resolution of issues that have divided Maryland racing for more than a decade, particularly with respect to the General Assembly," Alan Foreman, counsel for the Maryland THA and a lead negotiator on the deal, said Apr. 11. "We'll now be speaking with one voice. I can't remember the last time that happened." For complete story, click [here](#).



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**TODAY'S INSIGHTS**

**1:45p TVG** 2nd-KEE, \$50K, 2yo, 4 1/2f  
**SQUELCH (Pulpit)**, a half to MGSW Multiple Choice, makes his debut for trainer D. Wayne Lukas and the estate of Robert Lewis. The chestnut was a \$360,000 KEESEP yearling. [brisnet.com](http://brisnet.com) [pps](#)

**2:25p TVG** 4th-AQU, \$43K, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f  
 Shadwell Stable's **KHALILA (Elusive Quality)**, a \$550,000 FTSAUG yearling, makes her debut for trainer Kiaran McLaughlin. The half to MSW Galloping Gal is coupled with Darley's second-time starter **Al Maha (Holy Bull)**. [brisnet.com](http://brisnet.com) [pps](#)

**2:45p TVG** 4th-KEE, \$54K, 3yo, a7f  
 The John Oxley-homebred **DR. PLEASURE (Thunder Gulch)** is making his first start since finishing a well-beaten seventh in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile last October. The first foal of champion Beautiful Pleasure powered to a 7 1/4-length debut win at Saratoga last September and was second in the Cowdin S. [brisnet.com](http://brisnet.com) [pps](#)

**3:15p TVG** 5th-KEE, \$50K, 3yo, f, 6f  
**CLOSE SECRET (Storm Cat)**, a \$1.5-million FTFFEB juvenile, makes her debut for trainer Patrick Biancone and owners Mrs. John Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith. She is a half to Turko's Turn, the dam of champion Point Given. Also in the field is the \$725,000 FTFFEB juvenile **Impelling (Forestry)**, making her sixth start off a narrow loss at Santa Anita Mar. 3 for trainer D. Wayne Lukas. [brisnet.com](http://brisnet.com) [pps](#).

**Medallist**

**MEDALLIST SPEED**

**Medallist** won the Withers S.-G3 in 1:34.49, which is faster than the Withers won by Twining, Successful Appeal, Gone West, Man o' War, Native Dancer, Hill Prince, Polynesian, Johnstown, Blue Larkspur, Sir Barton and others.

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★ CENTRAL ★

**Senator Thayer Outlines Industry Initiatives:**

State senator Damon Thayer announced yesterday four horse initiatives that were included in the Kentucky state budget, which passed the General Assembly Tuesday. "These are positive steps in the horse industry," said Thayer, Senate chairman of the Horse Farming Subcommittee.

The initiatives are:

- \$13.5 million in bonds for Phase II construction of the Lexington Disease and Diagnostic Center at the University of Kentucky.
- \$1.2 million in operating funds for the Kentucky Horse Racing Authority to replace the daily assessments currently charged to racetracks by the Kentucky Horse Racing Association. The General Assembly will no longer permit the KHRA to charge daily assessments, which amount to \$3,500 per live race day for Thoroughbred tracks and \$1,750 per live race for Standardbred/Quarter Horse facilities.
- \$600,000 (\$300,000 per year) for additional funding for the University of Louisville Equine Program.
- \$300,000 in planning and development funds for the North American Racing Academy at the Kentucky Horse Park. The funds have been assigned to the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, which is working with NARA founder and Hall of Fame jockey Chris McCarron to develop the curriculum for the program.

Thayer added, "The Racing Academy and the University of Louisville Equine Program will educate the future workforce that is critical to the horse industry, and the diagnostic lab expansion will help horse farmers deal with any threat of equine disease like Mare Reproductive Loss Syndrome. The track assessments, which were instituted during the Patton administration, were of questionable statutory authority and needed to be replaced with a general fund appropriation to properly fund the Horse Racing Authority."

★ ON THE WORKTAB ★  
AQUEDUCT

**Magnolia Jackson** (Cape Canaveral), 5f, •1:00.02, 1/1

CHURCHILL DOWNS

**Flower Alley** (Distorted Humor), 4f, :50.80, 32/39

**Nolan's Cat** (Catiemus), 4f, :49.20, 17/39

**Social Probation** (Jules), 4f, :46.60, 1/39

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**Spanish Chestnut** (Horse Chestnut {SAf}), 4f, •:46.40, 1/28

**Cacique (Ire)** (Danehill), 5f, 1:01.00, 2/13

**Silverfoot** (With Approval), 6fT, •1:14.60, 1/2

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

**IN BRITAIN:**

+ **Carson's Spirit**, c, 2, **Carson City**. See "Britain."

**Acrobatic**, c, 3, **Storm Boot**. See "Britain."

**Teach to Preach**, c, 3, **Pulpit**. See "Britain."



**MONTJEU COLT TOPS DBS OPENER** Doncaster Bloodstock Sales Company's Breeze-Up kicked off yesterday and Montjeu (Ire) started the year as he left off after a stellar 2005, siring the day's highest-priced lot. Malcom Bastard, who consigned this sale's record-priced juvenile 12 months ago, offered the session topper as hip **48** and Ivan Allan went to 90,000 guineas to secure the half-brother to the useful multiple winner Little Good Bay (GB) from the family of the prolific stakes producer Kingscote (Ire). There are a host of North American sires represented in this year's catalogue, and throughout the afternoon their progeny proved in demand, with the regally bred Dance Brightly (Mr. Prospector--Dance Smartly, by Danzig) responsible for the second highest-priced lot. David Redvers stepped in to purchase Jamie Railton's hip **28**, a half-brother to the Italian listed winner Tenderlit from the family of the GI Hopeful S. hero Great Navigator, for 77,000 guineas. Roy Kvisla is the new name in Lambourn after the Norwegian-born trainer took over the stables vacated by Manton-bound Brian Meehan during the winter. Having established his reputation as one of Scandinavia's best, he was looking to buy into some juveniles to gain him respect in his new territory and splashed out 75,000 guineas to take home the session's top-priced filly. By Mark of Esteem (Ire), whose fortunes took an upturn in 2005 thanks to the exploits of his G1 Dewhurst S.-winning son Sir Percy (GB), Mocklershill Stables's hip **100** is out of a half to the smart stakes performer Lundy's Lane (Ire). While the first day's average was narrowly down on last year, 2005 witnessed a 34-percent jump. Selling concludes today at 1 p.m. Full results can be found on [www.dbsauctions.com](http://www.dbsauctions.com), which also features the breezes in video.


**'GEORGE' BOOSTS DERBY ENTRY** Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith's **George Washington (Ire)** (Danehill) was one of 12 colts supplemented into the June 3 G1 Epsom Derby at the second stage. Despite trainer Aidan O'Brien expressing stamina concerns, last year's G1 Phoenix S. and G1 National S. winner was given the option of contesting the mile-and-a-half Classic after his tilt at the May 6 G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket. Jockey Kieren Fallon was unsure as to whether George Washington would see out the mile of that Classic yesterday. "He got seven furlongs last year, but there is a question mark there," he said. "We don't know for sure, as he's got lots of speed, but all good horses have a lot of speed." Other Ballydoyle colts to be added to the £1.25-million Blue Riband yesterday were Michael Tabor's G3 Killavullan S. winner **Frost Giant** (Giant's Causeway) and the G1 Criterium International fourth **Poseidon Adventure (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells), as well as the unraced **Benjamin Franklin (Ire)** (Danehill), **Pescatorio** (Storm Cat) and **Road to Mandalay (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}). Godolphin added last year's G1 Racing Post Trophy winner **Palace Episode** (Machiavellian) and runner-up **Winged Cupid (GB)** (In the Wings {GB}), while Andre Fabre put in Sean Mulryan's G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud hero **Linda's Lad (GB)** (Sadler's Wells) and His Highness the Aga Khan's Saint-Cloud victor **Visindar (Ire)** (Sinndar {Ire}). The latter is due to return to the races on Monday in a conditions race at Longchamp. His owner-breeder's Racing Manager Georges Rimaud told the *Racing Post*, "The Epsom Derby and other top races are objectives for Visindar." Also added at a cost of £8,000 were Allen Pope and Andrew King's impressive Kempton maiden scorer **Awatuki (Ire)** (Distant View) and John Livock's Listed Chesham S. winner **Championship Point (Ire)** (Lomitas {GB}). Epsom's Managing Director Stephen Wallis was delighted with the extra dozen. "The 12 additions to the Vodafone Derby mean that we have 144 three-year-olds still on target for the premier Classic," he commented.

<b>DBS BREEZE-UP SALE</b>		
<b>TUESDAY, APR. 11, 2006</b>		
<b>SESSION TOTALS</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
No. Offered	107	113
No. Sold	89	100
RNAs	18	13
% RNA	16.8%	11.5%
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**FOALING NEWS:**

**BANKS HILL (GB)**, 8, Danehill--Hasili (Ire), by Kahyasi (Ire) Foal born Apr. 7, a filly by Empire Maker. Owned by and boarded at Juddmonte, Ky. Accomplishments: Ch. Turf Mare-US, Ch. 3yo Filly-Eur, Hwt. 3yo-Fr at 9.5-11f, Hwt. 3yo Filly-Eng at 9.5-11f, Hwt. Older Mare-Fr at 7-9.5f & Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 9.5f-11f, GISW-US, Eng & Fr, \$1,937,416.



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## ★ BRITAIN ★

### Yesterday's Results:

**Folkestone, 3.50, Mdn, £5,500, 3yo, f, 9f 149ydsT, 2:11.55, gd/sf.**

**TIME ON (GB) (f, 3, [Sadler's Wells](#)--Time Away {Ire} {GSW & G1SP-GB, G1SP-Fr, \$122,029}, by Darshaan {GB}),** third at Doncaster on her final juvenile start in October, was up to lead under a positive ride and had all bar market rival Virgin Islands (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) in trouble at the top of the straight. Quickening clear inside the final quarter, the 5-2 second choice was geared down near the line to best that foe by a cozy two-length margin. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, £4,270. O-R Barnett; B-W & R Barnett Ltd; T-John Dunlop.

**Bath, 2.10, Mdn, £5,500, 2yo, 5f 11ydsT, 1:05.00, gd. + CARSON'S SPIRIT (c, 2, [Carson City](#)--Pascarina {Fr} {SP-Fr}, by Exit to Nowhere)** was left behind by the leaders early, but responded to his rider's urgings to get into contention on the final bend. Grabbing Alternative (GB) (Dr Fong) in the final 25 yards, the 20-1 shot had a length to spare at the line. He was a €40,000 DEAAUG yearling purchase. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £3,562. O-K B Hodges; B-Pontchartrain Stud; T-Stuart Kittow.

**Bath, 3.10, Mdn, £5,000, 3yo/up, 1m 5ydsT, 1:46.00, gd.**

**ACROBATIC (c, 3, [Storm Boot](#)--Alvernia, by Alydar),** runner-up at this course on his final two-year-old outing in October, was hammered down to 4-7 and quickly gained control on the front end. Asserting his superiority in the final eighth, he was pushed out to best Follow the Colours (Ire) (Rainbow Quest) by five lengths. The Juddmonte homebred is a half-brother to Exterior (Distant View), MGSP-US, \$237,367. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, £4,587.

O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Inc; T-Roger Charlton.

**Bath, 3.40, Mdn, £5,000, 3yo/up, 1m 5ydsT, 1:44.70, gd.**

**TEACH TO PREACH (c, 3, [Pulpit](#)--Chateaubaby, by Nureyev),** only 10th on debut in a Newmarket maiden in September, was well-supported as the 7-2 second favorite and was rushed up to the fore early. Turning down the challenge of Yeoman Spirit (Ire) (Soviet Star) late on, his determination was rewarded with a neck success. A \$275,000 KEESEP yearling acquisition, he is a half-brother to Fantastic Fellow (Lear Fan), MGSW-US & SW-Fr, \$620,595. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £3,238. O-Gainsborough Stud; B-Mrs J G Jones Sr; T-Barry Hills.



**2.35p Longchamp, Cond, 26,000, 3yo, c/g, 1mT CHAMPS ELYSEES (GB) (Danehill)** is the latest offering from arguably the best producer in the business, Juddmonte's outstanding Hasili (Ire) (Kahyasi {Ire}). Third on debut at Maisons-Laffitte in November, this Andre Fabre-trained sibling of the group/grade one winners Dansili (GB), Banks Hill (GB), Intercontinental (GB) and half to Heat Haze (GB) has a genetic leg-up as he marches toward the top, but he has to get this conditions race in the bag first.

**3.05p Longchamp, Cond, 26,000, 3yo, f, 1mT GRIGORIEVA (IRE) (Woodman)** is a half to Godolphin's Electrocutionist, who ballooned his reputation with a win in the G1 Dubai World Cup last month. Saddled by Andre Fabre, she carries the colors of one of French bloodstock's emerging forces Sean Mulryan and bids to build on a latest fourth behind the subsequent group placegetter Sanaya (Ire) in a conditions race at Maisons-Laffitte in September. She faces stern opposition from fellow blue-bloods **Slovakia (Danzig)**, a half to Dubai Destination and **Impressionante (GB) (Danehill)**, a daughter of Wertheimer's champion Occupandiste (Ire).

**3.10p Nottingham, Cond, 10,000, 3yo/up, 5f 13ydsT REVERENCE (GB) (Mark of Esteem {Ire})** fractured his pelvis twice as a youngster, so has few miles on the clock and looked different gear to the handicapper he masqueraded as last term. After winning all starts over five furlongs with ever-increasing pizzazz, he was third on his stakes bow in the Mar. 25 Listed Cammidge Trophy at Redcar, finding the six furlongs too far there. Dropped back to this sort of trip, he could go near the top of a division dominated by ex-handicappers in recent years.

## FOALING NEWS:

**RUTHLESS ROSE, 21, Conquistador Cielo--Unfurled, by Hoist the Flag**  
Foal born Mar. 23, a colt by Rock of Gibraltar (Ire). Will be bred back to Where or When (Ire). Owned by and boarded at Cheveley Park Stud, England. Accomplishments: Dam of Generalist (GB) (Danehill), MSW-Jpn, \$1,606,016; Regal Rose (Danehill), G1SW-Eng, \$121,657.

**CORACLE, 10, Exbourne--Jangada, by Raft**  
Foal born Mar. 24, a filly by Diesis (GB). Will be bred back to Empire Maker. Owned by Dr John A Chandler. Boarded at Mill Ridge, Ky. Accomplishments: GSW of \$246,383.



 **FRESHMAN FOCUS**

**First-crop progeny to watch: Wednesday, April 12**

*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2003 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW  
Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

**FESTIVAL OF LIGHT** (A.P. Indy), Valor, \$4K, 56/0/0  
2-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Mistycal Light, 5-1

**JOHANNESBURG** (Hennessy), Ashford, \$30K, 149/0/0  
2-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Teufflesberg, \$9K FTK OCT yrl, 8-1

**UNBRIDLED TIME** (Unbridled's Song), Signature Stallions, \$5K, 52/1/0  
1-SA, Msw, 2f, Really Big Time, \$16K OBS AUG yrl

 **SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT**

**Starters to Watch: Wed., Apr. 12**

*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2002 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW  
Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

**APTITUDE** (A.P. Indy), Juddmonte, \$25K, 189/18/0  
3-EVD, Msw, 1m, Mister Attitude, 6-1

**BLACK MINNALOUSHE** (Storm Cat), Ashford, \$15K, 168/25/1  
8-LRL, Msw, 6f, In Tandem, \$75K EAS MAY 2yo, 6-1

**BROKEN VOW** (Unbridled), Pin Oak, \$10K, 188/27/1  
8-LRL, Msw, 6f, +Vow of Silence, \$42K EAS MAY 2yo, 6-1

**CORNISH SNOW** (Storm Cat), Mt. Nebo, \$1K, 32/2/0  
8-OP, Msw, 6f, Shiloh's Cat, 15-1

**DISCO RICO** (Citidancer), Murmur, \$4K, 74/5/2  
8-LRL, Msw, 6f, Tyros Beach, 20-1

**EL CORREDOR** (Mr. Greeley), Hill N Dale, \$20K, 190/27/5  
8-LRL, Msw, 6f, +Mucho Margaritas, \$20K EAS MAY 2yo, 8-1

**EXCHANGE RATE** (Danzig), Padua, \$10K, 85/16/2  
8-GP, Alw, 1m, Smart Exchange, \$23K OBS APR 2yo, 8-1

8-GP, Alw, 1m, Elliot's Exchange, \$105K OBS MAR 2yo, 3-1  
**SMOLDERIN HEART** (Two Punch), Dead, \$2K, 37/7/1

8-OP, Msw, 6f, Smolderin Copper, 8-1  
**TALK IS MONEY** (Deputy Minister), Millennium, \$5K, 83/15/0  
7-SA, Aoc, 1m, Blazing Sunset, \$32K TEX MAR 2yo

**TDN CRITERIA**

*The races covered in the TDN are as follows:*

**Stakes** - purses of \$40,000/up

**Allowance Races** - purses of \$20,000/up

**Optional Claiming Races** - purses of \$20,000/up and a minimum claiming price of \$25,000

**Maiden Special Weight Races** - purses of \$18,000/up

**Maiden Claiming Races** - purses of \$18,000/up and a minimum claiming price of \$40,000

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**7th-HAW, \$29,000, NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft.**

**JOHNS PLACE (f, 4, Wheaton--Magical Place, by Out of Place)** Lifetime Record: SP, 9-5-1-2, \$110,530. O-Dare to Dream Stable LLC (Michael Faber). B-John S Scott (FL). T-Rebecca Maker.

**9th-MNR, \$27,800, 4-10, NW2L, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:07 2/5, ft.**

**EL ZARCO (g, 4, Count the Time--Classical Code, by Lost Code)** Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-1, \$31,237. O-Stevenson Racing LLC & Ralph A Risoli. B-Mr & Mrs Theodore Kuster, Delmar L Pettigrew & Martha J Haack (KY). T-Vann Belvoir.

**6th-SUN, \$27,800, NW2L, (S), 3yo, 1m, 1:38 2/5, ft.**

**GHOSTLY TATTOO (g, 3, Ghostly Moves--Tat Two, by Bien Bien)** Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-2, \$41,040. O-Carol Keesee & Leach Racing LLC. B-Geraldine Shipler (NM). T-William F Leach.

**8th-HAW, \$27,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12 4/5, ft.**

**XCELLENT LISA (f, 3, Devil His Due--No Respect, by Spy Signal)** Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-2, \$50,485. O-G-Bone Racing. B-Chris Powell & The Thoroughbred Corporation (IL). T-James M Gulick. \*\$1,800 wlng '03 KEENOV.

**8th-PHA, \$22,627, NW1X, 4yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:42 2/5, ft.**

**DUN ROAMIN HERO (g, 4, Partner's Hero--Silvermento, by Silver Badge)** Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-3, \$52,765. O-Dun Roamin Farm Inc. B-Mary Ann Gans & Richard D Abbott (PA). T-Edward Lehman. \*\$38,000 yrl '03 FTMSEP. \*\* 1/2 to Le Grande Pos (Nepal), MSW & GSP, \$613,156; and Valleyman (Valley Crossing), MSP, \$245,972.

**7th-PHA, \$21,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04 3/5, ft.**

**CINDARULLAH (m, 5, Incurable Optimist--She Wears Makeup, by Manastash Ridge)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 44-6-5-5, \$88,810. O-Elliott Krems. B-Margaret Ferguson (MA). T-Scott A Lake.



**MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Showiz**, f, 2, **Jack Wilson**--La Questa, by Prospectors Gamble. SUN, 4-11, (S), 4 1/2f, :52 4/5. B-Larry R Teague (NM). \*Full to Live Show, MSW, \$199,772; and Ninety Nine Jack, MSW, \$415,644.

**Both Sides**, g, 3, **Stravinsky**--Be Fair (Brz) (Ch. 3yo Filly-Brz, MG1SW-Brz), by Fast Gold. SUN, 4-11, 6f, 1:11 3/5. B-R D Hubbard, Rio Claro Thoroughbreds & Connie Sczesny (Ky).

**Dinnerat Event**, f, 3, **Wild Event**--Dinnerat Five, by Formal Dinner. TAM, 4-11, 6f, 1:10 4/5. B-Michael J Clare (Fl).

**Lighthouse Magic**, f, 4, **Clever Trick**--Miss Pretty Keane (SP), by Distinctive Pro. HAW, 4-11, (S), 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-Pam Davis (Il). \*\$26,000 yrl '03 FTKOCT. \*\*Won by eight lengths.

**Direct Dial**, c, 4, **Pioneering**--Dial a Trick, by Phone Trick. MNR, 4-10, 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-Woods Edge Farm & John W Bourke (Ky). \*\$20,000 yrl '03 KEESEP; \$40,000 HRA 2006 KEEJAN. \*\*1/2 to Eye of the Tiger (American Chance), MGSW & GISP, \$535,679; and Wildwood Flower (Langfuhr), SW & MGSP, \$109,916.

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Urban Warrior (GB)**, c, 2, **Zilzal**--Perfect Poppy (GB), by Shareef Dancer. Folkestone, Britain, 4-11, Mdn, 2yo, 5fT. B-White Horse Bloodstock Ltd. \*800gns wnl '04 TATDEC; 3,000gns yrl '05 DONSEP.

**Lonely Dancer (Ire)**, c, 3, **Danehill Dancer (Ire)**--Never Back Down (Ire) (SP-Ire), by Bob Back. Varese, Italy, 4-10, Mdn, 3yo, c/g, 7 1/2f (AWT). B-Azienda Agricola Isola di Mezzano.

**SO. HEMISPHERE WINNERS BY EUROPEAN SIRES:**

**Qudraat (NZ)**, g, 4, **Marju (Ire)**--Romanee Conti (NZ), by Sir Tristram (Ire). Sandown (Melbourne), 4-5, Hcp, 4yo/up, 7fT. B-P J & P M Vela.

**Marquise Star (Aus)**, g, 4, **Octagonal (NZ)**--Star Of Danehill (Aus), by Danehill. Warwick Farm (Sydney), 4-5, Hcp, 4yo/up, 7fT. B-Beans Of Gold Racing Pty Ltd.

**Patrol (NZ)**, g, 6, **Desert Sun (GB)**--Gypsy Invader (NZ), by Brilliant Invader (Aus). Hawke's Bay (New Zealand), 4-6, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT. B-R B Clothier & R M Hedley.

**Star Of Clyde (NZ)**, g, 6, **Desert Sun (GB)**--Star Elite (NZ), by Nassipour. Riccarton (Christchurch), 4-8, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT. B-R F Pankhurst.

**Sir Pentire (NZ)**, g, 6, **Pentire (GB)**--Privilege (NZ), by Sir Tristram (Ire). Moonee Valley (Melbourne), 4-8, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1 7/8mT. B-M A McHoull.

**HOW THEY GOT THERE:  
KENTUCKY DERBY WINNERS' PREPS SINCE 1980**

Year	Winner	Last Prep
2005	Giacomo	4th, Santa Anita Derby
<b>2004</b>	<b>Smarty Jones</b>	<b>1st, Arkansas Derby</b>
2003	Funny Cide	2nd, Wood Memorial
<b>2002</b>	<b>War Emblem</b>	<b>1st, Illinois Derby</b>
2001	Monarchos	2nd, Wood Memorial
<b>2000</b>	<b>Fusaichi Pegasus</b>	<b>1st, Wood Memorial</b>
<b>1999</b>	<b>Charismatic</b>	<b>1st, Coolmore Lexington</b>
1998	Real Quiet	2nd, Santa Anita Derby
1997	Silver Charm	2nd, Santa Anita Derby
1996	Grindstone	2nd, Arkansas Derby
1995	Thunder Gulch	4th, Blue Grass
1994	Go for Gin	2nd, Wood Memorial
1993	Sea Hero	4th, Blue Grass
1992	Lil E. Tee	2nd, Arkansas Derby
<b>1991</b>	<b>Strike the Gold</b>	<b>1st, Blue Grass</b>
1990	Unbridled	3rd, Blue Grass
<b>1989</b>	<b>Sunday Silence</b>	<b>1st, Santa Anita Derby</b>
<b>1988</b>	<b>Winning Colors</b>	<b>1st, Santa Anita Derby</b>
<b>*1987</b>	<b>Alysheba</b>	<b>DQ-1st, Blue Grass</b>
1986	Ferdinand	3rd, Santa Anita Derby
<b>1985</b>	<b>Spend a Buck</b>	<b>1st, Garden State S.</b>
1984	Swale	2nd, Lexington
<b>1983</b>	<b>Sunny's Halo</b>	<b>1st, Arkansas Derby</b>
1982	Gato del Sol	2nd, Blue Grass
<b>1981</b>	<b>Pleasant Colony</b>	<b>1st, Wood Memorial</b>
1980	Genuine Risk	3rd, Wood Memorial

*\*Alysheba finished first in the '87 Blue Grass, but was DQ'd to third.*

 **FOALING NEWS**

**WAKE UP KISS**, 8, Cure the Blues--Good Morning Smile, by Morning Bob  
Foal born Feb. 27, a filly by Yes It's True. Will be bred back to Lion Heart.  
Owned by/boarded at Edition Farm, NY.  
Accomplishments: MSW of \$248,997.

**PAIOTA FALLS**, 5, Kris S.--Dance Swiftly, by Danzig  
Foal born Mar. 22, a colt by Storm Cat. Will be bred back to Storm Cat.  
Owned by Dinwiddie Farm.  
Boarded at Claiborne Farm, Ky.  
Accomplishments: SW of \$177,354.

**PRETTY IN GREEN**, 22, Green Forest--Uncommitted, by Buckpasser  
Foal born Mar. 22, a filly by Champali.  
Owned by and boarded at Glencrest Farm, Ky.  
Accomplishments: Dam of Antrim Rd. (Fit to Fight), GSW, \$437,888.